



# **Implementation of the Affordable Care Act: Opportunities for Collaboration and Partnership**

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# Office of the Regional Director

- Agency Collaboration
  - Work across regional office and among all regions to:
    - **Collaborate and coordinate on issues;**
    - **Troubleshoot potential problems;**
    - **Partner on events and public affairs; and**
    - **Educate the public on the benefits of healthcare reform**
      - **Healthcare.gov**
      - **CuidadodeSalud.gov (Spanish)**
  - Represent & communicate health care policies.
    - **Work to implement reforms with State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Officials and Non-Governmental External Stakeholders.**
  - Notification of grants and other funding opportunities.



# Framework of Health Reform

- Three-legged stool:
  - Expanding Coverage and Access
  - Consumer Protections
  - Improving Quality and Lowering Costs
- 32 million more insured people by 2014 (92% of non-elderly population)
  - 16 million more Americans in Medicaid by 2014
  - 29 million Americans covered via new Exchanges



# Framework of Health Reform

- Three-legged stool:
  - Expanding Coverage and Access
    - Individual Mandate/Employer Shared Responsibility
    - Medicaid Expansion (0-133%)/1115 Waiver
    - Exchanges/Essential Benefits Package
    - Small Employer Tax Credits
    - Community Health Center Expansion
    - Small Employer Tax Credits
    - Increase in Medicaid/Medicare Reimbursement



# Framework of Health Reform

- Three-legged stool:
  - Consumer Protections
    - Eliminates Discrimination /Pre-Existing Conditions (PCIP)
    - Preventive Health Benefits (0/0/0)
    - Eliminate Doughnut Hole - Discounts on Medicare Prescription Drugs – 50% in 2011
    - Young Adults – 18-26
    - No Lifetime Limits Today/Restricts Annual, Eliminates 2014
    - Ensuring resources to support state efforts to review premiums and guard against unreasonable premium increases.
    - The law holds insurance companies accountable – benefits vs. administration/profits -- 80 percent / 20 percent; 85 percent /15 percent



# Framework of Health Reform

- Three-legged stool:
  - Containing Costs and Improving Quality
    - CMS Center for Innovation
    - Federal Coordinated Health Care Office (“Duals”)
    - New Medicare Option – Coordinated Care
    - Incentives for better quality – Electronic Medical Records
    - Partnership for Patients – Patient Safety
    - Driving down waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid



# National Prevention Strategy

- Building Healthy and Safe Community Environments
- Expanding Quality Preventive Services in Both Clinical and Community Settings
- Empowering People to Make Healthy Choices
- Eliminating Health Disparities



# Promoting Prevention and Improving Public Health

- **Prevention and Public Health Fund -- \$15 Billion – \$1.25 Billion** for 2010 and 2011 for prevention and to expand primary care workforce
- Promotes prevention and wellness for seniors and older Americans
- Removes financial barriers to preventive care and encourage prevention
- Awards grants that promote community health
- Incentives for individual health
- Nutrition labeling





# Health Care Workforce & Worker Training

- Existing -- Reauthorizes and improves scholarship and loan repayment programs; Expands National Health Service Corps
- New -- Building primary care capacity through Medicare and Medicaid
  - Physicians
  - Nurse Practitioners/Physicians Assistants/Nurse Managed Clinics
  - Allied Health Professionals
  - School-Based Health Centers



# Opportunities

- **HHS Strategic Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities:** Complimenting the community-driven National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity
- **Diversity and cultural competency:** ACA expands initiatives to increase racial and ethnic diversity
  - Health Care Professions
  - Cultural Competency Training
  - Language Services and Community Outreach in Underserved Communities
  - Improved Data Collection



# *Let's Move!* Campaign

- The Regional Offices of Health and Human Services are working with cities and towns to join the First Lady's Office to eliminate childhood obesity in a generation
- It is guided by the same principles that guide Let's Move:
  - Creating a healthy start for children
  - Empowering parents and caregivers
  - Providing healthy food in schools
  - Improving access to healthy, affordable foods
  - Increasing physical activity



# Collaboration and Partnership

- Sign up for our Listserv ([Region9ORD@HHS.gov](mailto:Region9ORD@HHS.gov)) and stay informed
- Become an Ambassador for the Affordable Care Act, educating your communities
- Provide Informal/Formal Input to the Regional Director's Office on Regulations & Policy
- Partner with Regional Director on public events, tours, and media opportunities



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